

**AMERY REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Amery City Council met on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at City Hall – Council Chambers. Mayor, Paul Isakson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Interim City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund conducted Roll Call.

Present: Mayor, Paul Isakson. Council President, Tim Strohbusch. Alderpersons, Julie Riemenschneider, Rick Van Blaricom, Kris Vicker (arrived at 5:33 PM), Sarah Fl anum, and Chad Leonard.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Interim City Administrator/City Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund; Management Analyst-Deputy Clerk, Ben Jansen; Fire Chief, Dale Koehler; Library Director, Amy Stormberg; and Public Works Director, Bones McCarty.

Staff Absent: Police Chief, Tom Marson.

Others present: Members of the Public and Guests.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Mayor, Paul Isakson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**Public Comment:** Ashley Long, Kay Erickson, Sean Doerfler, and Sandy Wright-Olson spoke about the potential relocation of the Amery Area Library and Police Department. Debbie Christopherson spoke about the upcoming Design Amery meetings in April.

**Communications:** Keller Avenue Right-of-Way acquisitions for the 2021 Project.

**Officer Reports:** Interim City Administrator-City Clerk-Treasurer; Management Analyst-Deputy Clerk; Police Chief (absent shared in council members' packets); Fire Chief; Library Director and Director of Public Works.

**Committee Reports:** Plan Commission (No Meeting); Public Works (No Meeting); Parks & Recreation (January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020); Finance & Personnel (January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020); Public Safety & Welfare (No Meeting).

**Consent Agenda Items:** (Items under the consent agenda may be acted upon by one motion).

- 1. Minutes:** January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Finance and Personnel Committee Meetings, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, and the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Meeting and January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

***Motion by Alderperson, Van Blaricom; to accept all minutes; seconded by Alderperson, Leonard.***

**Ayes – 6**

**Nays – 0**

**Motion Carried.**

**Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.**

**New Business:**

- 1. Discussion/Action:** Library/Police Department Relocation to the Bremer Bank Building-Mayor Isakson took some time to address/answer some of the questions that were asked during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. He had also stated that some of the questions the City was unable to answer at this time because they information was confidential and would need to be cleared with the hospital. He also stated that the Amery Free Press had issued a public records request and that some of the questions asked would be answered in the information released. Alderperson, Leonard also had a statement that he wished to read concerning his views on the current situation and how to proceed forward.
- 2. Ordinances: Discussion/Action** – None at this time.
- 3. Discussion/Action:** RFP’s for the Bremer Bank Building Inspection-At this time Alderperson, Fl anum recused herself from Discussion and Action on the RFP’s.
- 4. Discussion/Action** – Creation of the Main St. Beautification Committee
- 5. Discussion/Action** – Purchase of an Asphalt Trailer for the Public Works Department
- 6. Discussion/Action** – Main St. Back Alley Improvement-Mayor Isakson stated that he had received some letters from business owners and would be reaching out to seek input and solutions for the improvements.

*Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Riemenschneider to select the RFP from SEH to inspect the Bremer Bank Building.*

**Ayes – 5                  Nays – 0                  Abstained – 1                  Motion Carried.**

*Motion by Alderperson, Van Blaricom; seconded by Council President, Strohbusch to approve the creation of the Main St. Beautification Committee under the condition that it be renamed the Amery Beautification Committee.*

**Ayes – 6                  Nays – 0                  Motion Carried.**

*Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Fl anum to approve the Purchase of an Asphalt Trailer for the Public Works Department.*

**Ayes – 6                  Nays – 0                  Motion Carried.**

*Closed Session: Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Riemenschneider to go into closed session proceedings at 5:45 p.m. under WI §19.85 (1) (c) & WI § 19.85 (1) (e). At 6:10 p.m.*

**Roll Call Vote was conducted by Interim City Administrator, Bjorklund as follows:**

*Ayes: Strohbusch, Riemenschneider, Van Blaricom, Vicker, Fl anum, Leonard and Isakson.*

*Nays: None*

*Motion Carried.*

*Motion by Alderperson Van Blaricom; seconded by Council President, Strohbusch to come out of closed session proceedings at 6:34 p.m.*

**Ayes – 6                  Nays – 0                  Motion carried.**

**Roll Call Vote was conducted by Interim City Administrator, Bjorklund as follows:**

*Ayes: Strohbusch, Riemenschneider, Van Blaricom, Vicker, Fl anum, Leonard, and Isakson*  
*Nays: None*  
*Motion Carried*

*Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Vicker to issue bonus pay to Interim City Administrator, Bjorklund and Management Analyst, Jansen in the amounts of \$2,000 and \$750 respectively.*

**Ayes – 6                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried**

*Motion by Alderperson, Fl anum; seconded by Alderperson, Van Blaricom to adjourn at 6:36 PM.*

**Ayes – 6                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Jansen  
Management Analyst  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**\*\*These Minutes are not approved by the City Council and are to be considered Draft Minutes**